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# Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/596,159

**Applicant(s)**

SMOLA ET AL.

**Examiner**

Kyle Purdy

**Art Unit**

1611

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6-11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SE-08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2 pages (01/08/2007)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Restriction Requirement***

1. Applicant's election of group I encompassing claims 1-5 in the reply filed on 08/06/2008 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)). This requirement is deemed proper and is made final.

2. Claims 1-5 are presented for examination on the merits.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McEwen et al. (US 6194379; of record) in view of Gray et al. (US 5714472; of record).**

5. Gray is also directed to nutritional compositions for enhancing wound healing. The composition comprises a carbohydrate, a lipid and a protein source (see abstract). The protein source is to comprise about 28% of the caloric content for the composition (see column 3, line 65; see instant claim 4). The composition is also to have an energy density of at least 1.3 kcal/mL (see column 2, lines 15-20; see instant claim 5). It is taught that a high caloric content is useful because it imparts energy to the user. The composition is also taught to contain proline at a caloric percentage of between 4 and 6% (see column 4, lines 63-65; see instant claims 1 and

2). It is taught that proline is useful for accelerating and promoting wound healing and tissue repair/cellular division (see column 4, line 55).

6. Gray fails to teach the composition as comprising less than 1.8% of the total calories due to arginine.

7. McEwen is directed to nutritional formulations comprising a protein source, a lipid source and a carbohydrate source (see Example 1). Example 1 teaches a formulation that comprises sucrose, canola oil and arginine. It is taught that arginine is to comprise about 1% of the total caloric content of the composition (see column 9, lines 1-5; see instant claims 1 and 3). It is noted that the arginine at such a caloric percentage is capable of accelerating wound healing and nitrogen retention after injury.

8. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teachings of Gray and McEwen with a reasonable expectation for success in arriving at a composition comprising a lipid, a protein and a carbohydrate wherein the composition comprises less than 1.8% of the caloric content is attributed to arginine. One would have been motivated to supplement the teaching of Gray with McEwen because the composition would accelerate the healing of wounds and aid in the retention of nitrogen. Therefore, a composition comprising a protein, a carbohydrate and a lipid wherein the composition attributes less than 1.8% of its caloric content to arginine is *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, as evidenced by the references, especially in absence of evidence to the contrary.

***Conclusion***

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kyle A. Purdy whose telephone number is 571-270-3504. The examiner can normally be reached from 9AM to 5PM.

10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sharmila Landau, can be reached on 571-272-0614. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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